



A PROCLAMATION

Declaring War against France and Spain.

ANNE by the grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to Our Lovits, Our Lyon King at Arms, his Brethren Heraulds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting; *Forasmuch as*, the Preservation of the Liberties and Billance of Europe, having obliged Our late Royal Brother King William of ever glorious memory, to enter into solemn Treaties of Allyance with the Emperor of Germany, the States general of the United Provinces, and other Princes and Potentates, for reducing the exorbitant Power of France, and for their mutual Defence against the French King's unjust Usurpations and Encroachments, he having taken possession of the greatest part of the Spanish Dominions by his Arms, and having also seized the Spanish West Indies, and the most important Ports in Spain by his Fleets, and exercising an absolute Authority over all the Spanish Monarchy every where, designing to ruine the Liberties of Europe, and to obstruct the freedom of Navigation and Commerce; And in place of giving that satisfaction, which in justice might have been expected: He has also put on Us and Our Dominions, the greatest Afront and Indignity, in taking upon him to Declare and owne the pretended Prince of Wales, as King of Scotland, England and Ireland, and has also influenced Spain to concur with him in this Indignity. For which Causes, We have in prosecution of the foresaid Treaties with Our Allies, Declared War in all Our other Dominions against France and Spain, and We considering, that by an expresse Article of the foresaid Treaties, We are obliged to declare War against France and Spain in this as in all our other Dominions, and that the Subjects of this Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland are equally concerned in the common Interest of Europe; And they having fully expressed in their Loyal Addresses to Our late Royal Brother, their just resentments of the injurious Proceedings of the French King, in his owning the pretended Prince of Wales as King of these Our Dominions, and being sensible that Our said Subjects have met with several obstructions in their Trade from France, and that there were several Hostilities and Violences committed by the Spaniards in time of Peace against them, and We relying upon the Help and Assistance of Almighty GOD in so good a Cause, and upon the Loyalty and Affection of Our Subjects. Therefore We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Publish, Declare and Denunce War against the French King and Spain, Dominions thereto belonging, and all their Subjects by Sea and Land; Requiring and Commanding the Commander in chief of Our Forces, the Governours of Our Forts, Castles and Garrisons, and all others our Officers and Souldiers under them, and all Our other Subjects, to do and execute all Acts of Hostility by Sea and Land, against the Subjects of France and Spain, in prosecution of this War, and strictly prohibiting all the Subjects of this Our Kingdom, to hold any correspondence or Communication with those of France and Spain: Nevertheless declaring, that such of the said Subjects as have left their Native Countrey and do reside here, living dutifully, and not corresponding with Her Majesties Enemies, they shall be secure in Lives, Liberties and Fortunes under Her Majesty, and the shelter of Her Laws. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR, and We charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the Gate of the Castle thereof, and to the Peer and Shore of Leith, and other places needful, and there make publick Proclamation of the Premises, that all Our Liedges may know We are in War with France and Spain; And Ordains these Presents to be Printed. Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the thirtieth day of May 1702 Years, and of Our Reign the first Year.

Per Assum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT. Cls. Sui Concilii

GOD save the Queen.